Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rick Scott Governor, State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott.

We are writing to urge you to act to protect the privacy of Florida voters. As you know, more than half of all states have declined to provide sensitive information about their states' voters at the request of the bogus voter fraud commission President Trump established in spite of having no evidence whatsoever that widespread voter fraud has occurred in the United States. We expect you to treat Florida voters with the same respect by refusing to turn over their personal information.

It is outrageous that the Presidential Advisory Commission on Electoral Integrity would request full voter files from every state with the intention of making all that personal information publicly available. Even the Commission's vice chair, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, has refused to provide certain voter information.

It is our sincere hope that you have learned from your own prior attempts to find voter fraud where none existed in Florida and choose this time to respect the privacy rights of Florida voters. We hope you will commit to working in a constructive and bipartisan way on the issue of voting rights and election security. There is a great deal that we can do to modernize state voter registration systems across America, reducing costs associated with outdated and inefficient systems, strengthening fraud protection, and adding millions of eligible citizens to the voting rolls.

We share your goal of "100 percent participation and zero percent fraud," and we hope that you will use your position to deliver this goal to Florida's election systems. But this work must be done in a way that respects the privacy and due process rights of the state's voters.

As we have repeatedly suggested to you and to Secretary Detzner, we believe that participation in multi-state information sharing compacts like the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) system could improve the accuracy of our voter rolls at minimal cost and without threatening the rights of legitimate voters. This will prevent people from being simultaneously registered in more than one state and allow Florida to more efficiently identify new eligible voters who recently moved from other states. Instead of spreading sensitive voter information,

we ask that you find ways to secure existing databases to protect voter information from cyberintrusion and malicious use by bad actors.

Florida can enter a new era of even greater accuracy and participation in our elections systems. But violating the privacy of all our voters is not the way to start.

Sincerely,

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